

The next meeting of the Board of Examiners will be held on August 7th at San Francisco. At this time the credentials of all those **BOARD OF EXAMINERS** who desire to take the examination must be on file and will be passed upon by the Board. The examination will be held two weeks later—August 21st—simultaneously, in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Some gentlemen from the South have asked that we extend to the board their thanks and appreciation for the courtesy of holding an examination in Los Angeles, for the convenience of Southern applicants. The board, we are advised, decided some time ago to abolish the holding of an examination in two places simultaneously, but the present unfortunate conditions in San Francisco led them to modify this decision, at least for the present.

When you buy from the grocer, do you tell him how much you are going to pay for sugar, or flour, or bacon? Do you generally allow your **IS THIS RIGHT?** patients to say just how much they are going to pay? Are lawyers in the habit of allowing their clients to fix their own charges? Put this way, all these things seem absurd, yet that is exactly what has been done in our case. The old line insurance companies, with a brazen impudence that is almost hypnotic, have said to us, as to slaves, "We will pay you \$3.00 for our examination—be thankful to get that much. Our high officials have stolen so much money that we must economize, and we believe that you doctors will take what we offer and say 'thank you.'" Are you going to allow the patient to fix the fee? Why not make insurance examinations for nothing? Why not do all your work for nothing? Why not live on sawdust—or starve?

Wonder of wonders!—the Pure Food Bill has actually been passed by the Congress of the United States, and become a law! To be **PURE FOODS AND DRUGS** sure, it has required patient, persistent effort for nearly twenty years, but now that the end has been gained, who will stop to count the effort and the empty years? And it is, in some respects, a stronger, better law than we could have hoped. The term "drug," as used in the act includes "any substance or mixture of such substances intended to be used for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease of either man or other animals." And just think about this, a part of the law in spite of all the efforts of the truly honest, patriotic, philanthropic and virtuously high minded members of the Proprietary Association of America to defeat it: A "drug" shall be considered to be "misbranded" and within the condemnation of the law "if the package fail to bear a statement on the label of the quantity or proportion of any alcohol, morphine, opium, cocaine, heroin, alpha or beta eucaine, chloroform, cannabis indica, chloral hydrate, or acetanilide or any derivative or preparation of any such substance contained therein."

Here is food for thought for those who have

deprecated the present agitation against the "great American fraud," and have claimed that nothing could be done against the wishes of the Proprietary Association of America. How about it, gentlemen? Will patience and persistence gain no results? Do you still think we shall be forever without success in the war against nostrum frauds in medicine, and the dishonest medical (?) journals which participate in the profits from, and keep alive, these nostrums? It is old and hackneyed and has been used, abused, misused and laughed at and scorned—but is it not true that "Truth is mighty and must prevail"?

He of small consequence in the world is in no danger of being abused. We do not claim this idea as original, for the saying is old that **MUCH YELPING** "men may be measured by their calumniators, as steeples by their shadows."

It is brought to mind by the yelping of the "yellow dogs" of the nostrum men, and by the howls of those commercially minded medical "editors" or publishers who feed from the same nostrum dish as the yellow dogs. They cannot find words or sounds or type enough to express their anger against the American Medical Association! It is everything that is bad. When it was a small and inchoate handful of men, attempting to do no far-reaching work, the Association was safe from abuse. Now it is large and growing rapidly, and has undertaken to do a good deal of work—and so it is abused. But abuse is sometimes a pretty good thing. In this case it shows very clearly that the Association took up its work none too soon; and furthermore, it is gaining friends and members for the Association, faster than any other one thing. Probably the Proprietary Association, and its medical (?) journalistic friends, hangers-on and yellow dogs, will eventually make the A. M. A. bigger and stronger and more actively alive in things medico-sociologic than would otherwise have been possible. Whenever an "advance agent of the Proprietary Association" worms his way into the House of Delegates, as sometimes happens, and there exudes some of his mental slime, he but calls attention to the danger to our profession and our Association, from ignorance or forgetfulness, and cements in closer bonds, for the protection of the common good, all *honest* men. Consequently, he is useful, though he vents his spleen in lying about the A. M. A., for he illustrates the dangers we are escaping.

The President, Mr. Roosevelt, has brought upon himself no small amount of criticism for his now famous "Muck Rake" address. It certainly was a most astonishing utterance, **MUCK RAKE** particularly at a time when, by means of the instrument which Mr. Roosevelt had himself recommended, — publicity — the so-called "man with the muck-rake", is getting results. There is "muck" a plenty and if no one comes along with a rake, the man with the shovel will not see it and shovel it out. As Congress closes, the "man with the muck-rake" can credit himself with having largely helped in securing, if indeed the credit